

History may be a guide

Historical perspective

5-year periods

Segments are one diversification approach available in Investment Edge® that can help you lower your overall costs and partially protect your investment.

Let's check out how these indices have performed historically. Here, we see returns of 5-year periods on a rolling monthly basis (e.g., Jan-Jan, Feb-Feb) and how frequently losses have occurred. The Segment Buffer is available up to -20% and stays at a constant level for the 5-year period.

For instance, if there's a -10% buffer and the given index declines by 8% during the time period, then the investment would be completely protected. If the index were to decline by 12%, the investment would incur only a 2% loss.

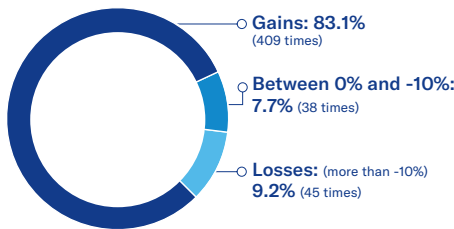


Lower overall cost

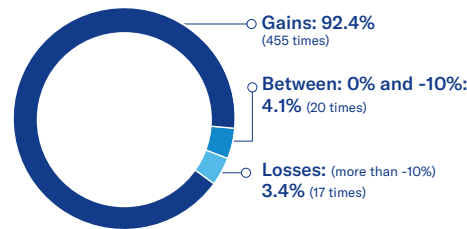
There are no portfolio-level expenses for amounts invested in Segments.

Historical 5-year index returns January 1980–December 2025 Performance between 0% and -10%

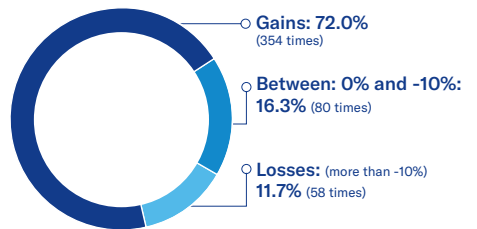
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Average return¹	62.5%
Total gains & losses	492
Number of gains	409
Number of losses	83

% of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

-10% Segment Buffer	90.9%
-15% Segment Buffer	94.7%
-20% Segment Buffer	98.6%

Average return¹	52.9%
Total gains & losses	492
Number of gains	455
Number of losses	37

% of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

-10% Segment Buffer	96.5%
-15% Segment Buffer	98.6%
-20% Segment Buffer	98.8%

Average return¹	51.3%
Total gains & losses	492
Number of gains	354
Number of losses	138

% of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

-10% Segment Buffer	88.2%
-15% Segment Buffer	91.9%
-20% Segment Buffer	94.1%

You are protected against some downside risk, but if the negative return is in excess of the Segment Buffer, there could be substantial loss of principal because you agree to absorb all losses to the extent they exceed the protection provided. The contract fee will be deducted from your index performance rate or Performance Cap Rate, where applicable, which could result in receiving less than your Segment Investment.

Please note that due to spacing constraints, the index names in the chart above may have been abbreviated. For full index names, please refer to the reverse side.

This data does not represent the performance of any specific investment.

Please see the back page for additional important information and footnote references.

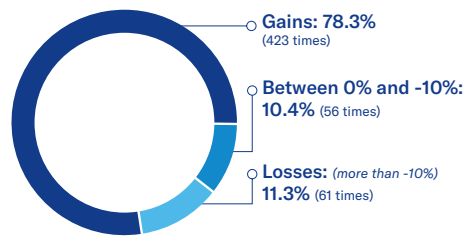
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Historical 1-year index returns January 1980–December 2025 Performance between 0% and -10%

S&P 500

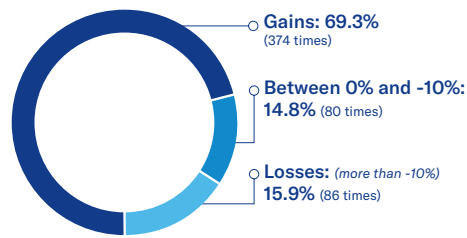


Average return¹	10.5%
Total gains & losses	540
Number of gains	423
Number of losses	117

% of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

-10% Segment Buffer	88.7%
-15% Segment Buffer	92.8%
-20% Segment Buffer	95.7%
-40% Segment Buffer	99.6%

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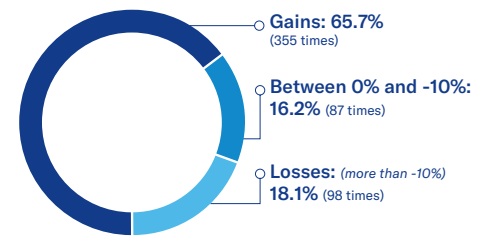


Average return¹	10.1%
Total gains & losses	540
Number of gains	374
Number of losses	166

% of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

-10% Segment Buffer	84.1%
-15% Segment Buffer	89.6%
-20% Segment Buffer	94.3%
-40% Segment Buffer	99.8%

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Average return¹	8.0%
Total gains & losses	540
Number of gains	355
Number of losses	185

% of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

-10% Segment Buffer	81.9%
-15% Segment Buffer	89.6%
-20% Segment Buffer	94.6%
-40% Segment Buffer	98.7%

All periods mentioned above are rolling monthly periods. A rolling monthly period is defined as month start to month end over the duration shown. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. For illustrative purposes only.

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If you take a withdrawal from, or transfer out of, a Segment before the Segment Maturity Date, we calculate the Segment Interim Value (SIV) for that Segment. The SIV may be less than the Segment Investment and may be less than the Segment Maturity Value would have been on the Segment Maturity Date. Any such withdrawal or transfer will reduce the Segment Investment and the reduction may be greater than the dollar amount of the withdrawal or transfer.

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